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In re Patent Application of:
Shinichi Okada et al.

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Art Unit: 1796

For: WATER-BASED PIGMENT DISPERSION
FOR INK-JET RECORDING, INK
COMPOSITION FOR INK-JET RECORDING
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

Examiner: V. A. Nguyen

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as described herein. A Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months from July 10, 2009 to, and including, Tuesday, October, 13, 2009 is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.